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Hon. John E. Samson

Judgeship

2003 - present

Judge of the District Court, 6th Judicial District

Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Thurston, & Washington counties

2007 - 2010

Judge of the District Six Adult Drug Court, Dodge County

Experience

1998 - 2003

Village Attorney

Herman, NE

1997 - 2003

City Attorney

Blair, NE

1997 - 2003

Village Attorney

Washington, NE

1997 - 2003

Village Attorney

Kennard, NE

Special Prosecutor Appointments:

1996, City of Omaha, NE

1995, Burt County, NE

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1988 - 1997

County Attorney

Blair, NE

1985 - 2003

Samson Law Office

Blair, NE

1985 - 1987

Deputy County Attorney - Washington County Attorney's Office

1983 - 1985

Huntel Systems, Inc., corporate counsel

Blair, NE

1981 - 1983

O'Hanlon Law Office, associate and then partner

Blair, NE

1979 - 1981

O'Hanlon and Nelson Law Office, law clerk

Blair, NE

Education

National Judicial College, 2007

Death Penalty Litigation

National Center For Justice, 2006

University of Mississippi School of Law - Search & Seizure Law

National District Attorney Association, Chicago, IL, 1990

Prosecutor's Trial Advocacy Course

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Lawrence, KS, 1986

Intensive Trial Advocacy Program

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1981

Juris Doctorate

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1978

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Judicial/Law Related Activities

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association
American Bar Association
Burt/Washington County Bar Association, 1981 - 2003
Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, 1985 - 2003
Nebraska Land Title Association, 1985 - 2003
Nebraska Licensed Title Insurance Agent, 1985 - 2003
National District Attorney Association, past member
Nebraska Licensed Real Estate Abstractor, past member
Nebraska County Attorney Association, past member

Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees

Nebraska State Bar Association:
Real Estate Practice & Title Standards Committee, board member, 1999 - 2003
Blair High School Mock Trial Team, coach, 2001-2002, 2004
High School Mock Trial Program, Regional Coordinator for 6th Judicial District, 1991-1992, 2005-2007
Judge for Local/Regional Competitions, 1990 - 2000

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Judicial Resources Commission, District Court Representative, 2010-present
Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, secretary, 2009 - present
Office of Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council, 2008 - present
Nebraska Parenting Act Fund Policy Committee, 2007 - present
Nebraska Family Mediator Standards Committee, Mediator Approval Sub-Committee, 2007 - present

Nebraska District Judges Association

Court Reporters? Committee, chairperson, 2008 - present

Nebraska County Attorney?s Association

Former member, 1985 - 1997

Community Activities

Washington County Public Defender Policy Board, board member, 2002 - 2003
Blair Youth Sports Complex Association, Inc., director, 1999 - 2003
Blair Area Chamber of Commerce:
Legislative Committee, former director & member, 1987 - 2003
First Lutheran Church (ELCA), member, 1987 - present

Teaching & Publishing

Lecture, ?What Civil Court Judges Want You to Know,? National Business Institute, 2011
Lecturer, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar, NE Continuing Legal Education, Inc., 2003
Lecturer, Divorce Fundamentals Seminar, Nebraska State Bar Association, 2001
Lecturer, County Attorney Seminar, Nebraska County Attorney?s Association, 1991
